

I own two hybrid cars. They are amazing because as the driver I do not have to change anything. I still fill up the car—although less often—at any gas station. I don't need to change how I drive my car.

Similarly, these new hybrid delivery trucks will have no impact how FedEx does its day-to-day business. But it will improve the environment and ultimately save the company money in fuel costs. It is a win-win situation and shows yet again that what is good for the environment can also be good for the economy and business.

I congratulate FedEx Corporation for this action, and I urge other companies with large fleets to follow FedEx's lead in transforming their fleets to protect our environment.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF CHARLES E. "BUCK" CONRAD

● Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a member of "the greatest generation," a World War II veteran who passed away on January 11, 2003. Buck Conrad was born in my hometown of Baltimore in 1921 and was raised just blocks from my childhood home. He is survived by a former neighbor of mine, Evelyn Dasch Conrad, his loving wife of 61 years, who now resides in Alexandria, VA. He was the proud father of two daughters, Karlene Conrad and Cindy Schafer, and Cindy's husband George Schafer, formerly of Catonsville, MD, as well as three grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by numerous relatives in the Baltimore area, including his brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Joyce Ronci of Glen Burnie.

Buck graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland. He was an avid Terapins fan who would not let his illness stop him from cheering the Terps on to their victory last year in the Peach Bowl.

Buck entered the Army in 1944 and retired as a regular Army colonel in 1974. He was involved in personnel and logistics for most of his career, which included tours of duty in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and as Chief of the Ordnance Branch. Overseas and wartime assignments included the Philippines, Germany, France, Korea, and Vietnam. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, the Joint Service Commendation, and the Army Commendation with oak-leaf cluster. He was a member of the Infantry OCS Hall of Fame and was designated a Department of the Army Logistician in 1970.

COL Conrad was well educated by the Army. He was a graduate of the Artillery School, the Chemical School, the Infantry School, the Command and General Staff College, and the Naval War College. He received a master's degree in business management from Babson College and received a second

master's degree in international relations from George Washington University.

After retiring from the Army, Buck moved on to a successful career in the private sector and later served as a faculty member of the University of Maryland, University College.

Funeral Services were held at the Fort Myer Chapel on Wednesday, February 5, 2003 and COL Conrad was buried at Arlington National cemetery with full military honors.

We owe a debt of gratitude to men such as Buck Conrad who quietly served their country when our freedom was in peril. His son-in-law informed me that up to his dying day, COL Conrad expressed concern about the United States becoming embroiled in a war in the Middle East that could take the lives of thousands of our soldiers. Having witnessed personally the impact that war has on our young people and, just as importantly, their families, COL Conrad was hopeful that a peaceful resolution to this conflict could be achieved before any lives are lost, both our own troops and innocents in Iraq and throughout that region.●

#### JAMES C. MCALLISTER III

● Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. President, I rise to acknowledge the accomplishments of Mr. James C. McAllister III of Chapel Hill, NC. Mr. McAllister has been a leader in pharmaceutical management for decades. June 3, 2003, he will receive the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists' 2003 Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award.

As director of pharmacy at the University of North Carolina, Mr. McAllister established a Pre-residency program for pharmacy students to work at local hospitals. This provides students with hands-on experience and gives hospitals extra resources to better assist patients. Prior to his successes at the University of North Carolina, Mr. McAllister worked at Duke University, where he served as associate chief operating officer overseeing the pharmacy.

Mr. McAllister is well known for his expertise dealing with many pharmaceutical issues, particularly pharmacy practice and medication safety. He is also widely respected for his knowledge of pharmaceutical efficiencies such as automation and information technology, which save money and save lives by reducing medical errors. Mr. McAllister is the first American pharmacist to implement an operating room pharmacy and a medication dispensing robot.

Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the contributions of James C. McAllister III.●

#### SOUTH CANYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, it is with great honor that I rise today to congratulate the South Canyon Ele-

mentary School in Rapid City, SD, which celebrates its fiftieth anniversary of service on Friday May 16, 2003.

Plans for South Canyon Elementary began in June 1949, when the current school area was a quiet alfalfa field. An area rancher, Ernest Schleuning, herded his livestock down Nordbye Lane, where the school is now. Due to overcrowding at Upper Rapid School, previously on West Main Street, South Canyon Elementary School was built in 1952 and opened for the 1952-1953 school year, with 25 to 30 students in each class. Fifty years later, the school continues to serve Rapid City and the needs of its citizens.

South Canyon Elementary School commemorated its fiftieth anniversary of service in the Rapid City school district with an all-school assembly, potluck picnic, and evening program. During the evening activities, the school was also open for tours, inviting all current and former teachers, staff members, students, parents, and alumni to attend. Attendees and guest speakers included South Canyon Elementary student council members, State Representative Ed McLaughlin, and Police Chief Craig Tieszen.

Over the last half century, the South Canyon Elementary School has provided quality educational services to the children of Rapid City. Their vision, "expecting excellence to happen, we affirm that all children can learn," has been carried out in all the children who have graduated and gone on to excel in their school careers. Not only has this school encouraged learning, but South Canyon Elementary School also strives to bring the community together in the education of its children. Their mission states just this in that, "In partnership with staff, parents, and neighborhood, we provide each child an opportunity to reach his/her potential and become a contributing member of the community."

I am pleased to announce that the South Canyon Elementary School is planning to commemorate this occasion by burying a time capsule. The capsule includes a current photo album of the school and items chosen by the students. Students from each class collected items from their classroom, such as popular books and baseball cards, and one second-grade class added a collection of popular snack wrappers to the capsule. Graduation speeches written by each fifth-grade student describing what school is presently like at South Canyon Elementary School were also added.

I am proud to have this opportunity to honor Principal Charles McLain and the South Canyon Elementary School for its 50 years of outstanding service. It is an honor for me to share with my colleagues the exemplary leadership and strong commitment to education South Canyon Elementary School has provided. I strongly commend their years of hard work and dedication, and I am very pleased that their substantial efforts are being publicly honored and celebrated.●